

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Dolarway Paving Bid Turned down—Other matters transacted.

The city council met in adjourned session Friday night to consider bids for paving west Pacific Avenue and North "A" street with Dolarway pavement. Only one bid was received, and it was not accepted. This bid was for \$1.35 per yard without a guarantee to maintain the pavement in good condition for a period of five years, and \$1.45 with a guarantee to maintain the pavement.

The Light and Water Commissioner was instructed to look after time switch of the Oregon-Washington corporation, this pertaining to the time when the corporation should turn their power on or off. A motion carried to continue the box drain on "A" street, such as has just been installed on First Avenue.

An amusement man requested to be allowed to conduct a merry-go-round within the city limits, and the council passed a resolution to charge five dollars per diem for the privilege.

Five hundred feet of fire hose, Patrol Brand, at one dollar per foot, was ordered purchased. The purchasing committee was instructed to purchase necessary supplies for the chief-of-police. The street commissioner was instructed to look after the waste water from the College gymnasium and Herrick hall, which flows into the street north of the campus.

Tuesday night the council met in adjourned session. A resolution was passed to reject bids offered for paving "A" street with Dolarway. The council will now have to go over the ground again for the paving of West Pacific Avenue and "A" street, taking the same legal steps as before. Bill of M. Taunton for \$87.78 for 231 feet of curbing allowed. Chief-of-police ordered to remove curtain in pool room. Resolution passed to bear half expense of installing pavement on Fourth Ave. between Main and "A" streets in consideration of a deed from the property owners of the street. No definite action was taken by the property owners.

A sight warrant was ordered drawn in favor of the Warren Construction company for improvement of intersection on First Avenue for \$2952.45. Resolution passed to ask post office department for mid-day-mail. City engineer instructed to make plat of city water system. Council adjourned to meet May 26.

Hillsboro Will Celebrate.

Hillsboro will have a Fourth of July celebration this year. A committee, consisting of W. W. Boscow, T. M. Kerr and James Miltenberger, has been appointed to have general supervision of affairs, and they will appoint all sub-committees. The city park has been improved and better arrangements provided for handling attractions. Forest Grove has made no move as yet to hold a celebration, and in all probability there will be nothing doing in that line in the college town this year. Every cross-roads village in the county, besides the larger towns, will have some sort of a celebration on the nation's birthday, and the people of Forest Grove will have plenty of places to vent their patriotism.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Pupils of Local High will hold Exercises in Congregational Church.

The students of the Forest Grove High school will hold their commencement exercises in the Congregational church next Thursday evening. The program prepared for the occasion will be as follows:

Invocation, Rev. D. T. Thomas; piano duet, Misses Kerry and Littler; salutatory, Samuel Glenn Morgan; oration, "Life's Purpose and Goal," Andrew Cecil Tupper; oration, "The Mission of the Library," Bessie Josephine Morton; oration, "The Y.M.C.A. as a Social Factor," Edward M. Livingston; song, "Afloat at Dusk," The Gondoliers' Serenade, L. Barnes, The Glee Club; commencement address, Prof. Thomas Gentle, director of training school, Monmouth; valedictory, Mary Ella Garrigus; presentation of diplomas, Mrs. Dorothy Seymour, chairman of the school board; song, "Life's Dream," J. A. Parks, Glee Club; benediction, Rev. C. H. Hilton.

The alumni banquet to the Senior class will be given at the Laughlin Hotel immediately after the commencement exercises.

The Educational sermon will be given at the Methodist church Sunday evening, by the pastor, Rev. Hiram Gould.

WIDOWS PENSIONED

This County will pay \$10,000 per year to support fatherless children.

Applications are pouring in the county court for aid under the provisions of the widow's pension law, which takes effect June 5, and the court estimates that Washington county will pay at least \$10,000 in pensions a year. So far no applications have been filed excepting where the families are large. One woman, Mrs. Emma V. Russell, of Dilley, whose husband died March 5, relates that she has nine children, eight of whom are under sixteen years of age. This family will cost the county \$62.50 a month as they have no other support. Another woman from this city has several children, and her husband is wholly incapacitated, and she will come under the provisions of the law.

Another case that has been brought before the court is the case of a California woman who came to the county, leaving a sick husband in California, the family now drawing \$15 monthly from a county in that state. She has seven children.

Prunes Only Half Crop.

Prune growers in this section of Washington county say that there will not be more than half a crop this year, owing to the cold rains at blossoming time. This fruit is steadily gaining in favor with the people, and the price for the past few years has tended steadily upward. New acreage is being planted each year, but the danger of over production is remote.

On Sunday evening of this week the Seniors, Intermediates and Junior Endeavors of the Congregational church had a Union Meeting at which there were many present. The Intermediate society was the first of its kind to be undertaken in the county.

LOCAL NEWS

Short Items of Interest Concerning people you may be interested in.

Aden Harper, of Gales Creek, traded at the local stores, Tuesday.

Joe Samet spent the week end in Portland.

Miss Lela Whitlaw, of Portland, visited her sister, Mrs. Robert Young, of this city, the past week.

E. H. Sexton, of Portland, spent Sunday with his folks, the Sextons.

Judge Wm. Stevens, of Dilley, was circulating among his friends in this city, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hamlin, of Timber, were Forest Grove visitors Tuesday.

Jeff Parsons, of Gales Creek, was a pleasant caller at this office, Tuesday and became a subscriber to the Press.

Mrs. Chris Jensen, of the Thatcher section, was shopping with the local merchants, Tuesday.

Mrs. R. W. McMutt, of Cornelius, was calling on friends in this city, Tuesday.

Will Boos, who has been working at the Boos rock quarry beyond Dilley for the past two weeks, was a Grove visitor, Tuesday.

James Loving, of Gales Creek, was a business visitor to this city, Tuesday, and made the Press office a pleasant call while in town.

Rev. Hiram Gould, pastor of the M. E. church, was in Sheridan Tuesday, where he gave two addresses before members of the Methodist denomination.

Mel Hiatt, prominent dairyman of the Oak Hill section, was a Grove visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rahles, of Hood River, were guests Sunday, of the Captain McCanns in this city.

Captain F. S. Barnes, the world famous bow maker, is seriously ill at his home in this city, and his many friends will be pained to learn that his recovery is doubtful.

John Davis, of Toledo, Ore., brought his wife to this city Monday, to the home of her mother, Mrs. Herman Glaisyer. Mrs. Davis is quite seriously ill.

Attorney S. B. Lawrence was a business visitor to the county seat, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thompson, of Cedar Canyon, were shopping with local merchants, Monday.

Mrs. Lee Covert, of Portland, has been visiting the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Buxton.

Miss Mary Hinman has been quite ill the past week.

George Reynolds was calling on friends below Cornelius, Sunday.

J. H. Shearer was a business visitor to the county seat, Friday, going down in his new automobile. Jake handles the wheel like one to the manner born.

F. M. Maury, school director and prominent farmer of Dilley, was in this city, Saturday, on his way to the county seat.

Edward Lufer, a bridge builder of Portland, was in this city Saturday, and spent the week end with the family of M. E. Hall, in the Oak Hill section.

Mrs. J. E. Bailey was calling on friends in the Rose City Tuesday.

Irvine Bailey, of David's Hill, was a pleasant caller at the Press office, Monday. The Baileys will give one of their popular dances in Bailey hall Saturday night. A large crowd is expected to attend the affair.

Duncan Macleod left Monday for British Columbia on a business trip, and will be gone a week or ten days.

Darnell Heisler has left High school and is going to work on his father's farm.

A. B. Craft left Friday for The Dalles to be at the bedside of his mother.

Miss Eunice Bernard spent Thursday afternoon in this city. Miss Bernard is in training in the Good Samaritan hospital.

Elmer Hamilton made a business trip to Hillsboro Thursday.

Austin Buxton, of the Watt district, was a business visitor to this city, Monday.

Mrs. O. G. Ogden, of Forest Grove, has been a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Cameron, in this city.—McMinnville News-Reporter.

Cjero Hines, of Gales Creek, was trading at the local stores, Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. E. V. Stivers, formerly of this city, now of McMinnville, were attending the Christian church conference in this city, last week, Rev. Stivers giving an address.

E. S. Boyd, of Dilley, traded with the local merchants, Monday.

Carl Hoffman was a business visitor to Portland, Monday, going down to engage special attractions for the Star Theatre Decoration Day.

Charley Sears, of Thatcher, was a business visitor to this city, Monday.

A street fakir took in quite a little coin in this city Monday. He was a smooth talker and certainly knew how to sell his goods.

Mrs. William Pollock and little daughter, Roma, were Rose City visitors Saturday.

George Stone, a prominent farmer of Cedar Canyon, was attending to business matters in this city, the last of the week.

Alfred Freerksen, of Thatcher, was a business visitor to this city, Monday.

Mrs. G. A. Gilmore and baby are visiting friends at Albany this week.

Carl Hinman and wife returned the first of the week from Bend, Ore., where they have been looking over the country with a view of locating.

Mrs. C. A. Broderson, of the Dilley section, was shopping in this city, Saturday.

Clyde Pechin, of the Gales Creek neighborhood, was a business visitor in this city, Saturday.

Carl Nicholson, a former merchant of this city, now farming in the Firholm section, traded with local merchants, Saturday.

Dr. Charles Pollock, tooth carpenter of Hillsboro, spent the week end with friends in this city.

INVITATION TO G. A. R.

Commercial Club would have old veterans meet here next year.

The Commercial Club met last night, the purpose being to confer with Captain W. J. R. Beach in regard to extending an invitation to the Grand Army of the Republic of Oregon to hold their annual encampment in this city next year. Captain Beach stated to the Club that should the Encampment be held here, Forest Grove would be expected to furnish four halls, a band and necessary advertising, and the hotels should be pledged not to raise their rates during the Encampment.

The Commercial Club enthusiastically endorses the proposition of holding the Encampment here and addressed a formal letter to Captain Beach, through the President and secretary of the Club, asking him to represent the city in a general invitation to the Grand Army to hold their Encampment here in 1914, and pledging the cordial support of the Club to make every effort looking to the enjoyment of the old veterans during their stay in our city.

The next annual meeting of the Commercial Club will be held Monday night in the K. of P. hall, before or after the lecture by Professor Shaw.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Representatives from four states will speak in Marsh hall.

The Interstate Prohibition Oratorical contest will be held in this city tomorrow night in Marsh hall, representatives from Washington, Idaho, California and Oregon to compete in the contest. Three interstate contests will be held at the same time, the winners to represent each his district in the national contest which will be held in Washington, D. C. Oregon will be ably represented by S. W. Grathwell, of Pacific University, who won the state contest some weeks ago.

These contests are held for the purpose of awakening and keeping alive the temperance movement, and are national in scope. William E. Gynn, a graduate of Pacific University and now a practicing attorney at Toledo, Oregon, won the Interstate Prohibition contest some years ago.

Mr. Baldwin goes East.

Ray D. Baldwin and family, who have made their home in this city since April, 1912, will leave tomorrow or Saturday for their old home at Marshall, Minnesota, where Mr. Baldwin will be foreman of the printing plant of the News-Messenger, one of the leading papers of that state. Mr. Baldwin has been foreman of the Press printing department for the past year, and is not only a master journeyman, but he is also a Prince of a good fellow. He was foreman of the News-Messenger plant for more than a dozen years before coming to Forest Grove. He and his family have made many friends in Forest Grove who will be pleased to learn that they may return to this city in about a year. Mr. Baldwin is succeeded in the Press office by Mr. Dave Schwartz who has been employed in printing plants of several of the larger cities, and who is fully qualified to sustain the reputation of the Press for superior printing.

NEW CANNERY READY

Will be Prepared to Handle many times more than present yield.

Additional machinery for the Forest Grove Fruit Cannery is scheduled to arrive this week, and will be immediately installed. In an interview with a Press reporter, President H. C. Atwell stated that the cannery would be ready to take care of the first fruit that may be brought to the cannery for canning. Strawberries will be the first fruit offered. The cannery will have the capacity to handle twenty time the amount of fruit that will likely be brought in this year, and the farmers and fruit raisers will make no mistake in planting a large acreage, as there is no probability of an over production. President Atwell advises the planting of the Cuthbert raspberry, as this fruit is popular with the trade, has been on the market for a great many years, commands a good price, and yields a good tonnage per acre.

The new machinery to be installed in the Forest Grove Cannery consists of an automatic capping machine, which cost \$650, and an exhaust box, which cost \$175. After the cans have been filled with fruit and syrup they are placed in the exhaust box and steam is turned into the box. After passing through this box the cans are capped with the capping machine, which crimps the cover down, obviating the necessity of using solder.

President Atwell and his fellow members of the board of directors of the Forest Grove Fruit Cannery Association are well pleased with their present outlook, and are sanguine that the cannery will be a great success from the beginning.

Native Son Passes.

Martin Parsons, aged fifty-six years, died at the home of L. McCoy at Gales Creek, Monday after several months illness. The funeral services were held at the home of Mr. McCoy, Tuesday, Rev. S. S. Dallas officiating. Interment took place in Forest View cemetery.

Mr. Parsons was a native son of Washington county, and was born near Dilley. His parents, William and Mary Parsons, were among the earliest pioneers of this section, the former crossing the plains in 1848 and the latter in 1852. Mr. Parsons was married at the age of seventeen years. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Geo. Stewart, Dilley; Mrs. Ben Hall, Patton Valley, and Mrs. Rosa Coffrey, of Lafayette. Also three brothers, Jeff, of Gales Creek; Ben, of the Kansas City section, and Alie, of Vancouver, Washington.

Emmett Quick drove to Timber Saturday and returned home Saturday night. The road over to Timber is mountainous and runs through heavy timber most of the way, consequently a drive over it after night is dangerous, but Emmett has handled the ribbons ever since he could walk alone, and the accidents he has had could be counted on the two thumbs.

Ernest Edwards, a traveling man with headquarters in San Francisco, visited Saturday and Sunday at the homes of U. G. Hanna and Dr. William Pollock in this city. Mr. Edwards was associated with the fire department of California's metropolis for many years.